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Dear Mr. Minter,

Thank you for the letter dated November 25, 2015 from Ms. Darcy O'Connor, Acting Assistant Regional Administrator, Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance inviting the Oglala Sioux Tribe to engage in government to government consultation regarding the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium mine in the Southern Black Hills near Edgemont, South Dakota. As you are no doubt aware, the Oglala Sioux Tribe has been heavily involved in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing process for this project, with a particular focus on the impacts to historic and cultural resources at the site. As the Tribal agency primarily responsible for matters pertaining to historic and cultural resources, the Oglala Sioux Tribe Office of Cultural Affairs and Historic Preservation accepts EPA's invitation to consult on this project and to act as the point of contact. It is also worth noting that several other Tribes have expressed interest in this project and the Oglala Sioux Tribe will endeavor to engage and include those other Tribal governments in this process as warranted.

Respectfully,

/s/ Dennis Yellow Thunder

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Cc: Honorable Oglala Sioux Tribal President John Yellow Bird Steele
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